

## REPLY HAS BEEN SENT

### Russia's Attitude Announced to Washington.

### NO DELAY IS INTENDED

### IT WILL FULLY RESPOND TO THE ROOSEVELT MESSAGE.

### Not the Slightest Warrant for Intimations of Ulterior Motives in Seeking Japan's Terms.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 12.—Russia's official reply to the message of President Roosevelt is now on the way to Washington. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff transmitted it to Ambassador Meyer and later the ambassador had an interview with the foreign minister at the foreign office. All the attempts to create an impression that there is the slightest hitch in the preliminary negotiations are absolutely without shadow of foundation. Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has formally notified several of the plenipotentiaries to a meeting of plenipotentiaries to see whether it is possible to agree to terms of peace is assured. Now that Russia has received formal notification that Japan has sent an official and favorable reply to President Roosevelt, the Russian official reply will be forwarded and the Associated Press feels it is in a position to state positively that the reply will fully respond to the President's message.

There does not seem to be the slightest warrant for the gratuitous idea that Russia's plenipotentiaries are putting out that Russia is only desirous of ascertaining the Japanese conditions, and at the same time gain a better position for her army in Manchuria.

M. Witte's Proposed Trip.  
M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, will leave St. Petersburg for abroad in two weeks. This very significant announcement is coupled with the statement that he is going "on public business." His visit was instantly associated with the peace negotiations, and it is possible that Emperor Nicholas has decided if a reasonable basis for negotiations is offered by Japan to make use of the services of the ablest and strongest personality in the empire.

Remarkable Editorial.  
It being Monday the papers print only telegrams today, but the New York Times makes room for a remarkable editorial, which may be inspired, depreciating optimism among the diplomatists at the present moment "unless Japan, under the slogan of 'Asia for the Asiatics,' should recognize that Russia in her origin, history and destiny is an Asiatic as well as a European power and be ready to conclude not peace but an alliance." The Novoye Vremya adds that it has always "preached the doctrine that Russia is the bulwark of Europe against the yellow peril."

The editorial attracted instant attention. The paper dwells on the idea that Russia, having the most direct exchange in which Japan, but able lands, must spread eastward to reach her natural boundaries and warm water; refer to the case of her conquests on her right flank over the Turkestan and Central Asia, and concludes:

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TWO CENTS.

### TWO BOMBS FOUND.

#### Discovered on Public School Premises in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 12.—Two bombs were found today on the premises of the Springfield public school in this city by Lewis Baker, the janitor. Both were made of steel and in the interior were the usual gun cotton, metal tube and powder.

They were about two inches in diameter, several inches long and fitted with a brass cap. Both are now in possession of the authorities. No reason can be given for the selection of the school as the object of any attempted outrage. There are a number of Russian families in the vicinity of the school, many of whom it is said, are so far as Russia is concerned, intensely anarchistic.

In view of this, the police are conducting their investigation among the foreigners.

### GUATEMALAN RENDEZVOUS.

#### Barillas and Revolutionists Gathering at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 12.—Manuel Dieguez, a Guatemala lawyer and revolutionary candidate, put forward by Barillas, ex-president of Guatemala, for the presidency of the Central American republic, is said to be hurrying to San Francisco from southern Mexico to join Barillas and party there.

Members of the local Guatemala colony believe that Barillas and his adherents have decided upon this city as a rendezvous pending developments that may give them an opportunity to filibuster against the administration of President Calverra. The call says today that Barillas has announced to several friends that he will lead a revolutionary party against Calverra, and that he has simply delayed action until he can recuperate his failing health, which, he says, is one of his reasons for coming to San Francisco.

### CHANGES AT PARIS.

#### Expected to Result From Delcasse's Resignation—Rouvier Undecided.

PARIS, June 12, 1:40 p.m.—It is expected that several diplomatic and ministerial changes resulting from the resignation of M. Delcasse, until recently foreign minister, will be settled at tomorrow's meeting of the cabinet. Leon Bourgeois probably will succeed M. Bihourd as ambassador at Berlin, thus inaugurating a new, conciliatory policy concerning Morocco.

Premier Rouvier still is undecided about retaining the portfolio of foreign affairs, with the expectation that M. de Freycinet or M. Combes will succeed him. M. Rouvier will enter the foreign office if M. Bourgeois concludes to retain the finance portfolio. There is reason to believe that the conference on Morocco since the resignation of M. Delcasse, until recently foreign minister, will be settled at tomorrow's meeting of the cabinet. Leon Bourgeois probably will succeed M. Bihourd as ambassador at Berlin, thus inaugurating a new, conciliatory policy concerning Morocco.

### STATE LAW SUSTAINED.

#### Shooting Live Pigeons as Test for Marksmanship Prohibited.

TRENTON, N. J., June 12.—The supreme court today in a decision rendered by Justice Fort, sustained the constitutionality of the law which prohibits the shooting of live pigeons as a test of marksmanship. The case was before the court on review of the conviction of Charles W. Davis in the Burlington county court for violating the law. Davis is a member of the Riverbank shooting club, which has been charged with the violation of the law. The supreme court holds that the law is proper exercise of the police powers of the state.

### ALLEGED SHIPBUILDING FRAUDS.

#### Revealed at Rome in Connection With New Warships.

MILAN, June 12.—The Rome correspondent of Secolo says that the labors of the commission of inquiry into shipbuilding frauds have resulted in the revelation of frauds in the construction of the battleship Emanuele Filiberto, battleship Regina Margherita, battleship Regina Elena and other ships. Special charges are made against the Terni steel works. Sham firing tests of the armor plates and similar offences are alleged, and there are hints of yet graver frauds. The coming trial will disclose the conclusion that the ships would collapse in the moment of action.

### THE GAYNOR-GREENE CASE.

#### Counsel Asks Permission to Furnish Security for Appeal.

MONTREAL, June 12.—T. Chase Casgrain, counsel for John F. Gaynor and B. D. Greene, has petitioned Judge Hall in chambers to be allowed to furnish security for their appeal to the supreme court of Canada from the decision of the king's bench maintaining the judgment of Judge Davidson, who declared that extradition Commissioner Lafontaine had jurisdiction in the present case and who rejected the writ of prohibition taken against the commissioner by counsel for the accused. Judge Hall will render judgment tomorrow.

### LOWLANDS SUBMERGED.

#### Much Damage Reported by Overflow of the Mississippi.

HANNIBAL, Mo., June 12.—The flooded Mississippi river has spread over all the unprotected lowlands and is from five to eight miles wide between here and Keokuk, Iowa. Near Alexandria, Mo., Riley Smallwood, a farmer, was drowned and seven other persons are reported missing.

Many dead bodies of horses, mules and cattle are floating past Hannibal, and from Alexandria, Canton, Memphis, West Quincy and Keokuk reports have been received of a general loss of live stock.

The river continues to rise here at the rate of three inches an hour. An army of men is at work in the lower portion of Hannibal, endeavoring to save property. The railroad yards and factory district are inundated.

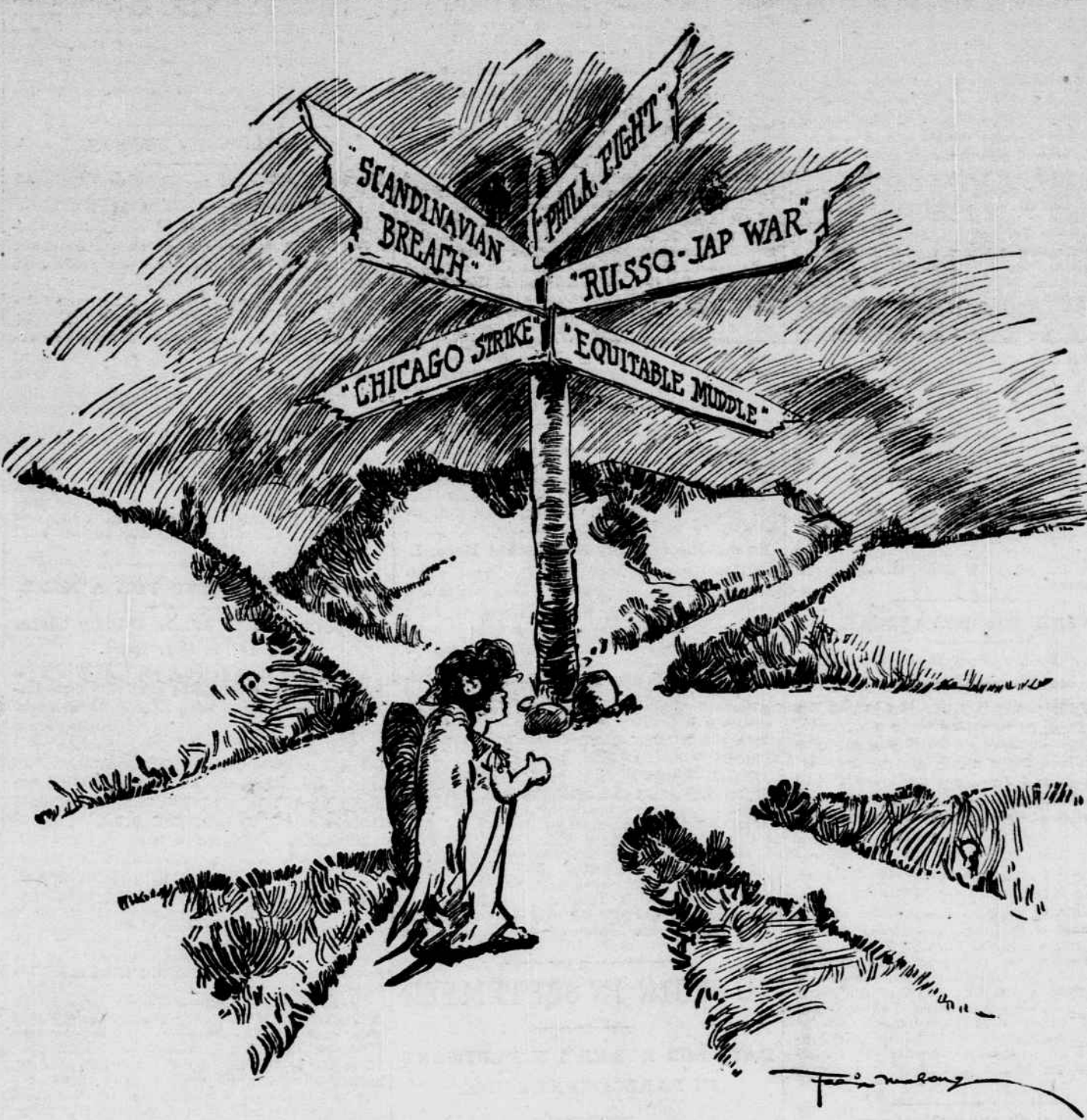
All available boats are making trips up and down the river rescuing persons who have escaped to points above the water line. The property loss already suffered is estimated at several million dollars.

### Ocean Steamer Reported.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Steamer Rotterdam, from Rotterdam, reported by wireless telegraph fifteen miles east of the Nantucket lightship at 6:30 a.m. today. The steamer will probably dock about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### Glass Plant Burned.

KOKOMO, Ind., June 12.—The Jenkins glass factory, which is the local plant of the National Flint Glass Company, was destroyed by fire today. Loss \$125,000. The plant will be rebuilt.



PEACE: "AM I EXPECTED TO ATTEND TO ALL THIS BUSINESS AT ONCE?"

### LATEST STRIKE PHASE

#### ALLEGED BLACKMAILING PLOTS AGAINST CHICAGO HOUSES.

CHICAGO, June 12.—Members of the June grand jury, which convened today and who will investigate the teamsters' strike, were prepared by State's Attorney Healy and Assistant State's Attorney Fike to listen to a sensational expose concerning the actions of several labor leaders.

It is reported that the investigators working under the direction of Mr. Fike and a police inspector have gathered evidence of blackmailing plots against business houses, evidence of efforts to curb competition and alleged damaging admissions made by the labor leaders.

Team Owners' Convention.  
CHICAGO, June 12.—The third annual convention of the team owners of America began here today. Mayor Edward F. Dunne gave the address of welcome. Referring to the teamsters' strike, he said:

"No doubt a great many of you gentlemen have read that the streets of our city are being swarmed by a horde of lawless and lawless men, and that riot and turmoil are in complete control. Let me assure you, however, that your lives and property are perfectly safe. If you see a wagon with a sign on it or a policeman rising on the street, that is not a sign of rioting or trouble; they are there to insure peace and to protect property which has a perfect right on the streets; and, gentlemen, let me assure you that as long as I am mayor of Chicago peace will be preserved to the very last limit of our resources, and when those fail we will call upon powers within our limits, but at the present time there is no necessity to call upon those powers."

### THE EQUITABLE CASE.

#### Chairman Morton's Return to New York Next Wednesday.

NEW YORK, June 12.—Paul Morton, the newly elected chairman of the board of directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, who went to Washington last night, will not return to New York until Wednesday.

It is expected that the work of readjustment of the methods and conduct of the society's management will then be resumed. Thomas F. Ryan in response to a request for further details concerning the purchase of the Hyde stock gave out the following statement:

"The purchase of the stock was absolute and free from any condition or commitment as to future action. The general conditions of the trusteeship of the stock have already been announced in the letter to Mr. Cleveland. The deed of trust is now being prepared and will be made public in due course."

When the deed of trust will disclose the personnel of the association of which Mr. Ryan is the head could not be ascertained today. State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks has finished his investigation of the Equitable Life Assurance Society's affairs. Mr. Hendricks was not in town today.

There was no meeting of the Equitable trustees today, but a meeting will be held as soon as it is convenient for former President Grover Cleveland to be present. Vice President Gage E. Tarbell said that there would be no meeting of the agents of the Equitable Society in this city today.

### NO SHOW FOR CORDOVA.

#### Court Dismissed Motion for Writ of Error in His Case.

TRENTON, N. J., June 12.—Justices Dixon and Swayze today, on motion of Prosecutor Berline of Middlesex county, formally dismissed the writ of error which was applied for by counsel for Rev. J. Frank Cordova of South River, immediately upon his conviction for the abandonment of his wife.

Cordova is the minister who eloped with Miss Julia Bowne. He is now serving four years in the state prison.

Yellow Fever on the Isthmus.  
The Secretary of War has received the following cablegram from Gov. Magoon, at Panama, reporting three new cases of yellow fever: "James B. Huff, American, age thirty-seven, clerk quartermaster's department, Panama, sickened June 4; Ricardo Bucall, Italian, age forty-one, laborer, Panama, sickened May 24; Francisco Madero, Italian, age fifty, laborer, Panama, sickened June 4."

### MINISTER GRIP LEAVES

#### WILL SAIL FROM NEW YORK FOR HOME TOMORROW.

Possibility of This Country Recognizing the New Government of Norway.

Mr. Grip, the minister of Sweden and Norway to the United States, called at the State Department this morning to take leave of the officials before sailing from New York tomorrow to his home in Norway on leave of absence. He says he has not been officially advised of the disunion of Sweden and Norway nor of any change in his official status as the diplomatic representative of both countries.

Although a native of Norway, Mr. Grip has not been identified with the separation movement, nor has he felt called on to resign his diplomatic office. Whatever his plans are, he has kept them entirely to himself, and it is believed that he desires to consult his friends at home before deciding as to his future course. Although he has studiously refrained from committing himself, there is an impression that he will cast his lot with the new independent government of Norway if it can be successfully established. Any rate he is not likely to return to Washington in his present official capacity.

### Recognition of Norway.

It is said at the State Department that no official information has been received there regarding the separation of Sweden and Norway, and that consequently there has been no occasion to consider the question of the recognition of the new government of Norway. It is expected, however, that this question will be shortly presented to President Roosevelt. In that event action will be taken without unnecessary delay. Although somewhat premature to discuss the question, there is reason to believe that the new government of Norway stands an excellent chance of recognition by the United States whenever it can satisfy the latter that a proper government has been established independent of Sweden, of a stable and permanent character. Some surprise is expressed at the lack of information from United States diplomatic and consular officers accredited to the government of Sweden and Norway, but it is supposed that these officials are awaiting further developments before reporting to the department what has already occurred.

Mr. Charles H. Graves of Minnesota is accredited as United States minister to Sweden and Norway, and Mr. E. L. Adams of New York is secretary of legation and consul general. The legation is in Stockholm, Sweden, and the fact may account for their failure to report the action of the storming at Christiansia, in declaring the union with Sweden at an end. It is not likely that the Swedish authorities would communicate any information on the subject, and the United States officials at the Swedish capital could hardly consider information from any other source official.

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### MAN'S BODY FOUND

#### D. W. ROSS, KILLED TWO YEARS AGO, HAD SONS IN WASHINGTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—A two years' search for D. W. Ross, a prominent contractor of this city, who vanished in August, 1903, has ended at the corner's office. George H. Harris identified the photograph and description of an "unidentified man" killed by a street car in September, 1903, as that of the father of Dr. Frank C. Ross, the astronomer, now assistant director at Carleton College, Washington, D. C., and Walter Ross, in the government service.

The body, which has lain all the time in the potter's field, will be exhumed and given fitting burial by the sons.

One of the sons, Mr. Walter Ross, an employee of the coast and geodetic survey, was shown the above dispatch by a Star reporter this afternoon.

"This is the first definite information I have received about my father," he said, "although we have had detectives employed on the case for five or six months. When we heard of the street car accident we suspected that the man killed was our father, but it has only been recently that we have received tangible testimony about the matter."

Mr. Ross said his father was born in Rosshire, Scotland, about sixty-five years ago, and has been missing since 1903, when he was last heard from by his sons. He had lived in California since 1903, having been quite prominent there. He was at one time the owner of a large planing mill, and as a building contractor constructed some of the handiwork residences in San Francisco. Some time ago he was reputed to be quite wealthy. The widow is living at Los Angeles, Cal., and the only surviving children are Dr. Frank C. Ross, whose office is with Prof. Newcomb at 1627 P street, and Mr. Walter Ross of the coast and geodetic survey.

Dr. Ross stated to a Star reporter this afternoon that he would go to San Francisco to arrange for the funeral, and that the remains would be taken to his father's old home, in Nova Scotia for burial.

### STATISTICIAN HYDE RECALLED.

#### Will Remain Here Until the Cotton Investigation is Over.

Nothing could better serve to illustrate the growing seriousness of the cotton crop report scandal and the importance of the possible discoveries that may result from the investigation now in progress than the recall to Washington of John Hyde, statistician of the Department of Agriculture. There is not the slightest breath of suspicion against Mr. Hyde, according to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, but it was thought best, in view of the growing seriousness and extent of the inquiry, that he be called back to the United States at once and remain on hand until the affair is settled.

### Col. Symons Decorated by China.

The Department of State is informed that the Chinese government has conferred the decoration of the Order of the Double Dragon on Col. Theodore W. Symons, corps of engineers, United States army, formerly superintendent of public buildings and grounds in this city, on account of courtesies extended to Prince Pu Lin on his visit to this country a few years ago. Under the Constitution Col. Symons cannot accept this decoration except by Congressional enactment.

### Secretary Taft Goes to West Point.

Secretary Taft left Washington this morning for West Point to attend the commencement exercises at the United States Military Academy tomorrow. He will attend a banquet given in honor of Choate, formerly ambassador to Great Britain, tomorrow, and spend a few hours in this city next Wednesday on his way to Oxford, Ohio, to keep an engagement to deliver an address to the graduating class of Miami University.

### Coming Trial of the Charleston.

Orders have been given at the Navy Department for the official trial of the protected cruiser Charleston, built by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, off the coast of New England on the 28th instant. After the vessel's screws are standardized she will be given a four hours' run in the open sea, to determine her speed. The Charleston has a displacement of 9,700 tons and an indicated horse power of 21,000, and carries fourteen guns in her main battery.

### INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

#### Only Fourteen Players Now Left in the Contest.

OSTEND, Belgium, June 12.—When the competitors in the international chess tournament assembled at the Kursaal today in readiness to begin the first round the announcement was made that Von Bardeleben of Berlin had withdrawn, leaving but fourteen players in the contest. The pairing for the first round today is as follows: Blackstone vs. Taubenhans, Janowsky vs. Maroczy, Maroz, vs. Wolf, Burn vs. Teichmann, Tarrasch vs. Schlechter, Marshall vs. Leonhardt and Tschigorin vs. Alapin.

### MURDERER KILLS HIMSELF.

#### Found Dead in Cell With Many Self-Inflicted Wounds.

PHILADELPHIA, June 12.—With a large table-knife as a weapon, Michael Czizilla, aged thirty-four years, whose trial for homicide was to begin today, hacked himself to pieces in his cell at the county prison. The prisoner sharpened the spoon on the wall of his cell and then tried to kill himself fearfully, but, not satisfied with this, he severed the arteries in both wrists and then attempted to dislocate his neck. He was found dead by a keeper.

Czizilla was arrested on the night of December 26, after a fight with Paul E. Urban. The latter was beaten so badly that he died later at a hospital. Czizilla was committed to prison charged with murder, his trial being set for today.

### THE STRIKE AT SAGINAW.

#### Street Cars Run Today Under Police Guard.

SAGINAW, Mich., June 12.—Street cars are being run today both in the city and Bay City under police protection. There was no resumption of violence during the morning in either city. Tonight the street railway company will, for the first time since the strike began, run cars after nightfall.

In Bay City practically all the police force is guarding the cars.

### MAJOR BUSH DEAD.

#### Was Member of the Artillery Corps, U. S. A.—Due to Apoplexy.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.  
PORT WARREN, Mass., June 12.—The death of Major James C. Bush, Artillery Corps, United States army, occurred here last night. It was due to apoplexy, having sustained two attacks, one on May 17, since which time he had been confined to his bed, and the second at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, from which he never rallied.

Major Bush was born in Connecticut, October 31, 1850. He entered the United States Military Academy July 1, 1871. He was graduated June 10, 1875, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the 5th Artillery, from which rank he rose to that of major, being commissioned as such February 21, 1903. During his career as an officer he served in the 3d and 7th Regiments of artillery, and was a graduate of the artillery school.

While he was in the Philippine service, and after his return, his health became impaired, and although he was urged to seek rest, he bravely continued his command at this post.

He was married to a wife and daughter. Mrs. Weston T. Chamberlain, wife of George W. T. Chamberlain, Medical Corps, United States army, at Corregidor, P. I.

### NEGRO PASTOR ARRESTED.

#### Held for Alleged Larceny of Church Funds in Philadelphia.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.  
PHILADELPHIA, June 12.—The colored congregation of the White Rock Baptist Church, at 46th street and Fairmount avenue, had their pastor, the Rev. Pinkney P. Samuels, arrested this morning. They caused him to be held in \$500 bail for court by Magistrate Boyle in the 61st and Thompson streets station. Larceny of church funds is the technical charge against the Rev. Mr. Samuels.

He has been making a startling innovation of making the church collections in red, and armed with a club. The club he kept beside him during his sermons, and he was arrested after a stormy meeting in which he is alleged to have threatened to brain several malcontents, who demanded his resignation.

### PRINCETON'S CLASS DAY.

#### Interesting Annual Exercises Held Today—Statistics.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.  
PRINCETON, N. J., June 12.—This was class day at Princeton. The class of 1905, wearing "mortar boards" and gowns, and the faculty in brilliant academic robes marched to Alexander Hall, where the opening exercises were held.

The salutatory was delivered by H. Zaver Jones of East Orange, and the class oration by J. L. Semple of Princeton, N. J. Among the speakers were Alexander H. Hall, the class poet, and Alexander Hall, the class poet, to the front of Nassau Hall, where the class ivy was planted. C. H. Walcott of Evanston, Ill., delivered the ivy oration.

The annual exercises were held about the old revolution cannon in the college quadrangle. Here the class history was read by J. D. Voorhees of Camden, N. J., and the presentation oration was delivered by K. R. McAlpin of New York city. K. S. Clark of Pittsburgh read the class prophecy. Harold Scott of St. Louis then delivered the president's address, and F. B. St. John of Hackensack, N. J., called the class roll. The class ode, written by Howard Ward of New Britain, Conn., with music by K. S. Clark was sung in closing.

The class day book, containing all the class statistics, was issued today. There are 233 men in the class, the oldest whom is twenty-nine years and the youngest nineteen years. The average age at graduation is twenty-two years. The average expenditure of the class is \$14 per man in freshman year, \$78 in sophomore year, \$84 in junior and \$91 in senior years.

### WAYLAIN AND MURDERED.

#### Pennsylvanian Killed at Lonely Spot on Road—No Clues.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.  
WILKESBARRE, Pa., June 12.—Michael Dolan of Simpson was waylaid and murdered during the night at a lonely spot along the road near Duryea, his head being battered in with clubs.

There is no clue other than the knowledge that three men threatened him several days ago, and said they would make him pay for something he had done to them. The police are now looking for them.

### JEFF DAVIS A CANDIDATE.

Formally Opens Canvass for Senatorship From Arkansas July 4.

### Weather.

Fair and slightly cooler tonight. Fair tomorrow. Light southwest to northwest winds.

## PEACE MUCH NEARER

### Russia Accepts Mr. Roosevelt's Plan.

### THE PRESIDENT TOLD

### COUNT CASSINI CALLS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

### Reply Not Made Public—Plenipotentiaries Will, It is Said, Be Appointed—Place Undetermined.

Prospects of peace negotiations were brought measurably nearer today by the authoritative announcement that Ambassador Cassini, acting for the Russian government, had signified to President Roosevelt Russia's assent to the President's propositions. Accordingly Russia will appoint plenipotentiaries to meet the plenipotentiaries of Japan to discuss the question of peace.

It was further announced from the same authoritative